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Canterbury Local Plan 2020-2045

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I understand the need for long-term planning however scaring the local communities with terrible ideas, including the historical bypass through Duke's Meadow and now with the proposed bypass through Rough Common, is absolutely ludicrous. These ideas have caused animosity and despair, which has made me loose complete faith with the CCC, and I expect others would feel the same.

Rough Common Road is a short link between A290 and the A2050. Developing the road into a bypass would only create 'bottle-necks' where there is already congestion in rush hour and, therefore, it would increase noise and air pollution. The proposed zoning of Canterbury, with travel between areas restricted, would redirect more traffic along Rough Common Road. Speedwatch have already reported on the high numbers of vehicles speeding, plans to upgrade would exacerbate the speeding. Furthermore, having HGV's rumbling along the Rough Common Road would devalue houses and quality of life for locals.

Ideally, with a firm focus on global warming, the local plans should be supporting the use of public transport, cycle routes and paths, thus improving public safety. Currently, there is only one zebra crossing at one end of Rough Common Road and local buses have been reduced.

I feel that the proposed change of use for this road, should be reconsidered. The price that would be paid by the community, in terms of air and noise pollution, speeding vehicles, increase traffic and travelling further to cater for the zoning, is too high and great unjust.

The Policy C26 and R4 are a further concern. It seems as no-one wants to listen or preserve open green land and farmland. Previous local plans have yet to build the houses, combine that with the current plans would mean that as many as 25 000 house built in the district before 2045. The lack of consideration to the environment is unbelievable. For example; the planning application CA/15/02523 does not appear to be in-keeping with the local environment, it poses a potential threat to a nearby nature reserve and the proposed mitigation of drainage and sewage plans are inadequate.

We only have one world. Get it right.

Regards

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